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1. Authority -

a. The Joint Intelligence Committee has prepared and approved this directive pursuant to the following directive of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:
"ASPIC will operate under policies and general procedures specified in a manual prepared by the Joint Intelligence Committee entitled: 'Armed Services Joint Intelligence Directive: Personnel Interrogation.'"

2. Scope - This directive sets forth the basic command and administrative relationships and operational and organizational policies of ASPIC. Aspects of exploitation of specially selected personnel for other than intelligence purposes are considered only as they bear on these policies and relationships.

3. Definitions - For the purposes of these regulations, the following definitions are made:

These regulations supersede SR 380-350-3, OPNAV Instr 00386.4 and AFOIN-C/DD 350.09 dated 6 July 1951

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a. ASPIC - An unclassified indicator for Armed Services Personnel Interrogation Center.

b. Specially Selected Person (SSP) - A person who is under U. S. military jurisdiction and has been selected for detailed interrogation at ASPIC; he usually will have been so selected because he has recently been under the control of a hostile nation and is deemed to possess information of high-level intelligence value to the United States and/or allied nations.

4. Missions of ASPIC -

a. ASPIC is a joint agency for the collection of intelligence information from specially selected personnel, and as such has no responsibility for production of finished intelligence.

b. Mission during national emergencies - The mission of ASPIC in periods of national emergency is to:

(1) Provide and operate within the continental limits of the United States a joint agency to obtain intelligence information through interrogation of specially selected personnel.

(2) Furnish the results of such interrogation to the appropriate agencies.

c. Mission during other periods - The mission of ASPIC during other periods is to:

(1) Prepare and test plans for paragraph 4b above.

(2) Plan for, secure and train an operational cadre for ASPIC in preparation for fulfillment of its mission as set forth in paragraph 4b above.

(3) Plan, develop, test and improve techniques and procedures for the interrogation of SSP.

(4) Compile as obtained, available information, research, and

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experience on interrogation techniques and furnish this information to appropriate intelligence agencies.

5. Functions - In accomplishing the above missions, ASPIC will:

- a. Establish suitable facilities for the detailed interrogation of specially selected personnel and when appropriate conduct thereof detailed interrogation of such personnel. When directed by the Executive Agency, expand facilities to meet wartime requirements for interrogation of SSP.
- b. Maintain liaison and coordinate with appropriate United States and allied agencies, echelons, commands and installations.
- c. Establish and implement procedures and criteria for the selection and procurement of specially selected personnel for interrogation at ASPIC and provide the personnel needed to carry out such procedures.
- d. Maintain necessary records, and publish necessary administrative reports and orders to insure adequate distribution of intelligence information obtained from the interrogation of SSP.
- e. Recommend SSP for use or exploitation by other agencies, as appropriate.
- f. Develop advanced interrogation techniques.
- g. Make recommendations for the disposition of SSP.
- h. Notify member agencies of availability and knowledgeability of SSP.

6. Responsibilities -

- a. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have designated the Chief of Staff, United States Army, as executive agent for the Armed Services Personnel Interrogation Center (ASPIC). The Chief of Staff, United States Army, has designated the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Army, as implementing agent.

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b. Chief, of Staff, U.S. Army - The Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, as the executive agent for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is responsible for the operation and operational results of ASPIC; budgeting for the operation of ASPIC; the construction or procurement and the maintenance of ASPIC facilities; the administrative and logistical support of ASPIC, except such support as is peculiar to or is the direct responsibility of Navy, Air Force or is herein specifically reserved to those services

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c. The Joint Intelligence Committee is responsible for:

(1) The determination of when ASPIC shall be operational and when non-operational.

(2) When ASPIC is to be operational, the determination of the manning strength of its intelligence and operational personnel and their source by service, the extent of operation of ASPIC, and its specific mission.

d. Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence - In addition to his normal duties as implementing agent, the Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, will:

(1) Designate an Army officer to be Director of ASPIC.

(2) When appropriate, designate an Army officer to be Deputy Director of Administration for ASPIC.

(3) Designate an Army officer to be Assistant Director/Army for ASPIC (AD/A).

(4) Procure the personnel for the Army element of ASPIC and effectuate procedures for their personnel administration, training and security clearance.

(5) Levy upon the Director of ASPIC specific intelligence requirements which he, the Director, is to meet by detailed interrogation of SSP at ASPIC.

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e. Director of Intelligence, U. S. Navy - The Director of Intelligence U. S. Navy, will:

- (1) Designate a Navy officer to be Assistant Director/Navy for ASPIC (AD/N).
- (2) Procure personnel for the Navy element of ASPIC and effectuate procedures for their personnel administration, training and security clearances.
- (3) Levy upon the Director of ASPIC specific Navy intelligence requirements which he, the Director, is to meet by detailed interrogation of SSP at ASPIC.

f. Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force - The Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force, will:

- (1) Designate an Air Force officer to be Assistant Director/Air Force for ASPIC (AD/AF).
- (2) Procure personnel for the Air Force element of ASPIC and effectuate procedures for their personnel administration, training and security clearance.
- (3) Levy upon the Director of ASPIC specific Air Force intelligence requirements which he, the Director, is to meet by detailed interrogation of SSP at ASPIC.

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8. Duties of Director - The duties of the Director, ASPIC, will be to:
- a. Command ASPIC and all personnel assigned to duty at or with ASPIC.
 - b. Organize, direct and supervise the operation of ASPIC.
 - c. Provide for the procurement of SSP for detailed interrogation at ASPIC, and for the administration, guarding, care and dispatch of SSP while they are under ASPIC control.
 - d. Provide for the security of ASPIC and of all classified information thereat.
 - e. Initiate and supervise joint training in advanced interrogation techniques and in such other matters as may be necessary to bring about effective operations at ASPIC.
 - f. Prepare and submit annual budgets for the operation of ASPIC.
 - g. Provide for the administrative and logistical support of ASPIC and its personnel, except such support as is peculiar to or is the direct responsibility of Navy, Air Force
 - h. Establish a system for mutual exchange of all intelligence information collected from SSPs among the component and participating agencies at ASPIC.
 - i. As appropriate, and when requested, support by procuring, caring for, handling and making available at ASPIC SSP of interest and by making ASPIC facilities available

9. Duties of Assistant Directors - Army (AD/A), Navy (AD/N), Air Force (AD/AF):

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- a. Advise the Director in matters affecting the operations of ASPIC, especially concerning the AD's service and the intelligence requirements received therefrom.
- b. Exercise staff supervision over such operations of ASPIC as may be required by the Director.
- c. Provide liaison between the Director, ASPIC, and the AD's service.
- d. Advise the AD's service as to ASPIC's procedures and workload so that requirements and priorities may be consistent with ASPIC capabilities.
- e. Under the Director, command and administer the service personnel and supervise the civilian staff of the AD's service assigned to duty at or with ASPIC.
- f. Plan and conduct non-joint, technical or intelligence training of the personnel of the AD's service.
- g. In concert with the other Assistant Directors, advise the Director concerning criteria for the selection of personnel to be interrogated at ASPIC.

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11. Manning -

- a. Each service will assign to duty at or with ASPIC military or civilian personnel, sufficient in numbers, specialty and training to provide:

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(1) Its portion of the minimum manning strength of ASPIC as determined by the Joint Intelligence Committee, pursuant to para 6c(2) of these regulations;

(2) Such other personnel, including interrogators, monitors, editors and report writers, as may be commensurate with the intelligence requirements it levies upon the Director of ASPIC;

(3) Such other operational specialists and liaison personnel as may be agreed upon between the service (A/D) and the Director of ASPIC; and

(4) Such clerical and organizational personnel as may be required to meet its needs at ASPIC.

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(3) Such clerical and organizational personnel as may be required to meet its needs at ASPIC.

c. The Department of Army will provide sufficient administrative and maintenance personnel, to include SSP custody and interior guard requirements, to support activities at ASPIC. Personnel to meet the peculiar administrative needs of any agency at ASPIC will be provided by that agency.

12. Miscellaneous Operating Policies -

a. Organization - The Director, within his authority to command ASPIC and to direct the operation of ASPIC, shall organize ASPIC in such a manner and shall promulgate such policies for its operation as shall be consistent herewith

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and shall best enable ASPIC to accomplish its missions. In so doing, the resulting organization may be with operational components segregated by service or may be with the operational skills grouped regardless of service, or may be by a combination of these two methods.

b. **Inter-Service Agency Differences** - Differences in opinion affecting two or more component or participating agencies and which cannot be resolved between the Assistant Directors concerned will be decided by the Director. Assistant Directors may appeal major policy differences to the services, but will route them through the Director, ASPIC.

c. **Liaison** - The Director will maintain liaison with the appropriate United States and allied agencies, echelons, commands and installations, as may be required for the accomplishment of ASPIC's missions.

d. **Limitation of Access to SSP or Interrogation Information** -

(1) The Director, ASPIC, may approve requests for the limitation of access to specific SSP when it is established that:

(a) The requesting agency has a major and overriding interest in the SSP, or the information obtained therefrom and

(b) Unlimited access by member agencies to them, or information obtained from them, would be harmful to the national interest.

(2) When it has been determined that access to a specific SSP should be limited, the Director, ASPIC, will, without delay, inform ACSI of the action taken.

e. **Security** - Information, documents, or material which disclose the mission or function of ASPIC as an interrogation organization, or disclose the presence of foreign national SSP at ASPIC shall be given a security classification

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of CONFIDENTIAL or higher. ACSI may assign unclassified indicators to ASPIC in lieu of or in addition to those assigned in these regulations.

f. Operational and intelligence personnel required to carry out or supervise exploitation activities of joint interest will be provided on a joint basis by all participating agencies under the supervision of the Director or his representative.

g. Order of Fulfillment of Requirements - Insofar as it shall be practical, the Director shall fulfill the intelligence requirements levied upon him in the chronological order of their receipt by him unless he is instructed by ACSI to the contrary. However, priorities may be established within the services or by JCS.

h. Funding for Pay, Allowances and Travel - Each service is responsible for the pay and allowances of its own personnel assigned to duty at or with ASPIC, for travel and allowances incident to their training and for their travel and allowances to their first place of duty under ASPIC. Under its duty to budget for the operations of ASPIC, the Department of the Army is responsible for travel and allowances of service or service-employed personnel, incident to the operation of ASPIC or the result of a change in the location in which such personnel are to perform their duties incident to the operation of ASPIC.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY, THE NAVY, AND THE AIR FORCE:

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